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SUBJECT: GENERAL— OBHUNT/FRIDAY

SPECIFIC— FRIDAY Mission Briefing for 21-22 December 1954 Infiltration

REF: SGAA 13206, KAPOK 3092, 17 December 1954

Action Requested: None. For Headquarters information and files.

Synopsis:

a. Forwarded herewith with comment is subject briefing in 3 parts:

1. General
2. Intelligence
3. Operational

b. Forwarded herewith is a listing of equipment carried by team during infiltration.

1. We are enclosing herewith the briefing given to FRIDAY Team prior to its recent infiltration. The briefing is divided into three parts. Part I includes general instructions on conduct during the mounting and infiltration period; part II presents the latest operational data available on the zone of penetration; part III contains specific instructions on dead-drop mechanics. We are also enclosing a listing of the equipment the Team carried.

2. We have two pertinent comments to forward regarding part III of this briefing.

3. Before the briefing on the dead-drop was begun, AIRBRED and RNDOLLAR were separately asked to pinpoint the location of the dead-drop on a map. AIRBRED was unable to accomplish this feat as he has never been able to grasp the principles of map reading. RNDOLLAR, however, was able to pinpoint the spot without hesitation. After a few moments of confusion, which may prove significant, RNDOLLAR was also able to describe the mechanics of the dead-drop to us exactly as he had been taught them last summer.

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4. You will note that the briefing, which was prepared and presented by the undersigned, neglects to cover one eventuality; what should be done in the event that nothing is found at the site of the dead-drop? Should the container being carried in by the Team be left in the drop or brought back to Greece? This eventuality did occur to RNDOLLAR minutes prior to his departure from the conducting detail at the border and he put the question to [] [] [] decision, which we support, was to bring back the ingoing can if the can left with AIPIGEON last summer could not be found. We feel that if the decision is made to continue our attempts at developing FRIDAY Mission, another contact between RNDOLLAR and AIPIGEON will be necessary to put the operation back on the tracks. (Although this second meeting was proposed in the original mission plan, we had hopes of developing the mission without taking this additional risk.) As this is the case, little could be gained by leaving another can in the area prior to a second meeting between our agent and the P/A.

5. We are interested in determining why the question posed to [] [] by RNDOLLAR at the last moment should have occurred to him. It is possible that, for reasons unknown to us, he did not expect to find anything. It is our intention to cover this point in RNDOLLAR's BOGUS LETTER.

Attachments:

- 1 - General Briefing
- 2 - Intelligence Briefing
- 3 - Operational Briefing
- 4 - List of Equipment

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Part I, General Briefing

You are being infiltrated on the evening of the longest night of the year. You will have over twelve hours of darkness to accomplish your mission. In addition to this asset, there will be no moon. For these reasons you can afford to move slowly and cautiously taking full advantage of silence and darkness.

You are both armed with machine pistols rather than rifles because you will not be able to fire accurately in the dark and your fire power, if you have to use it, will give you a greater psychological advantage. Do not forget to fire in short bursts of two or three rounds.

If you are identified and pursued do not attempt elaborate evasive tactics but rather make for the border by the most direct route. Unless you make the mistake of skylining yourselves you will be invisible to your pursuers even at short distances.

Your story, if captured, is that you were trained and briefed at the "Ranch" safehouse and transported by truck to an unknown point in northern Greece where you were transferred to a Greek Army vehicle and moved to the border area.

You must realize that this operation could not be mounted without the full cooperation of the Greek Services and that you must therefore treat Greek personnel involved with courtesy and respect at all times.

From the time you are delivered to the Greek service until the time you infiltrate you are to accept ☒ orders without question.

During the time you are in Albania, AIRBLOWN is to follow RNDOLLAR's instructions.

RNDOLLAR is charged with teaching AIRBLOWN the route of infiltration and the exact location of the dead drop. We intend to have AIRBLOWN know the terrain so well that he will be able to service the dead drop without the guidance of RNDOLLAR if necessary.

We are now at the point in the development of this mission where we hope to realize a return on the months of effort we have invested to date. We appreciate your loyal and courageous service to your country and wish you luck and success on this penetration.

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Part II, Intelligence Briefing

We have the good fortune to have most recent intelligence on conditions in the operational area. We have identified the grazing areas of the 1st, 3rd, 6th, 8th, 9th and 10th sheep brigades plus at least one other unidentified brigade, with the exact locations of their sheep folds. (Note: See Report No. JAN-65, 29 November 1954.) You will note that there are no sheepfolds between your sector of infiltration and the dead drop.

You need not necessarily be alarmed by the barking of dogs as they will in all probability be shepherd dogs intent only on protecting their flocks. Furthermore, because this is not the season for agent penetration attempts, it is unlikely that shepherds will attach a special significance to the barking of their dogs. They will most probably assume, if they are awake, that other shepherds or wolves are in the area.

Apart from shepherd dogs, there is a possibility that border units will have attacking and/or tracking dogs. (At this point the use of the cosh and the two dog drags was explained. The Team was also given a dissertation on the purposes and training of dogs elicited from TM 10-396, "War Dogs" to further familiarize them with this problem.)

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Part III, Operational Briefing

Upon approaching the site of the dead drop, AIRBLOWN is to cover RNDOLLAR while the latter checks the safety/danger signal. (Note: RNDOLLAR was asked if he was satisfied that AIPIGEON could not possibly confuse signals or otherwise foul up the system explained to him by RNDOLLAR in July. RNDOLLAR could not guarantee that procedure for the signal would be faithfully executed by AIPIGEON and stated his desire to check the dead drop regardless of the condition of the signal. Although we recognize the absurdity of such an idea in terms of reasonable operational method, we were forced to agree with RNDOLLAR. It should be noted that we are attempting to develop a principal agent who, during the July operation, could not "find it in his heart" to give a pre-arranged recognition signal. We must necessarily tailor our plans to fit this mentality or discontinue our efforts.)

Regardless of the condition of the safety/danger signal you are to proceed with extreme caution to the dead drop, AIRBLOWN covering RNDOLLAR. RNDOLLAR is to locate the dead drop can and tie a string to it being careful not to move it. He is then to move out to the end of his string, lie flat on his face and jerk it toward him. He is then to substitute the can he carried in for the can in the drop, rearrange the drop as he found it and leave the area.

Under no circumstances should the dead drop container be opened as it may be booby-trapped. It will be opened by our specialists upon your exfiltration.

The safety/danger signal is to be left in the "danger" position, i.e. signal rocks separated at the base of the telephone pole.

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Equipment Listing - Each of the following items were issued to both agents

Cap, civilian, dark color	1
Sweater, civilian, dark wool	1
Jacket, battle dress	1
Shirt, civilian, wool	1
Breeches, wool, black	1
Socks, wool	1
Undershirt, wool, long sleeve	1
Underdrawers, wool, long leg	1
High shoes, special, black	1
Machine pistol, Schmeisser	1
Magazine, Schmeisser	7
Pouches, magazine, Schmeisser	2
Pistol, semi-automatic 7.65	1
Holster, pistol, 7.65	1
Magazines, pistol, 7.65	2
Belt, trouser	1
Belt, Sam Browne	1
Grenades, mills	2
Knife, hunting w/scabbard	1
Wristwatch	1
"L" capsule	1
Gold sovereigns	15
Lek	1000
Money belt	1

Additional Equipment carried by RNDOLLAR

Container, aluminum, for d/d	1
Map case containing message	1
String	30 yds.

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